

HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNING

Theme Colors

Black and Orange

Decorations

Balloons, Streamers & Table cloths in theme colors

Halloween cardboard cutouts

Spiders – bats – webs - pumpkins

Halloween theme music

Supplies

Invitations

Tables & chairs

Stapler or tape for decorations

Food

Anything having to do with pumpkin – fun foods that look gross – punches

Trail mix – popcorn balls – cookies – deviled eggs – burgers – hotdogs

Cup cakes – Brownies – chips & salsa – Barbeque

Activities

Assign each house to make and bring a game or activity

Face painting – costume contest – balloon twisting – arts & crafts

Photo booth – inflatable bounce – pumpkin pie eating contest – Scavenger hunt

Hot potato game with scary music – fortune telling booth – pumpkin bowling

Sidewalk chalk – haunted house – flashlight tag – mummy wrap with toilet paper

Prizes

- Candy – a variety of choices available (individually wrapped)
- Small trinket type toys found in Oriental Trading
- Birthday party type toys found at party supply shops
- Dollar store items

Halloween Crafts & Activities



Halloween Sensory Activity

Buy some small plastic jack-o'-lanterns that are meant to be filled with treats. Fill them with cotton balls that have been perfumed with scents from the pantry (pumpkin pie spice, apple pie spice, peppermint extract, lemon peel, orange peel, etc.). Put these in the sensory center. Children can enjoy smelling the scents.



Science Activity

Put several mini pumpkins, small gourds, and Indian corn in a basket with magnifying lenses. Put the basket in the sensory center. Children feel the different textures, look at a variety of colors, and examine them close up with the magnifying lenses. Autumn leaves, pinecones, and nuts can be added.



Pin The Tail On The Cat

Cut out a cat shape from black felt. Use fabric paint to add the eyes nose, and whiskers. Cut out several tails from black felt and sew or glue the hook side of Velcro onto the end that attaches to the cat. The hook Velcro will stick to the felt anywhere the children put it. They play the game just like pin the tail on the donkey.



Spooky Spider Webs

Put a paper plate in a pie pan and give the student a small dab of black paint. You can also paint a paper plate black and do the activity with the white paint to look more realistic. After the small dab of paint is placed on the student's plate, drop a marble in and let the child move the pie pan in all different directions to make a spooky spider web. After it has dried, punch a hole in the plate and attach plastic spider ring or sponge paint a spider in the web.



Puffy Paint Cobwebs

Mix equal parts of flour, salt, and water in a large bowl. Pour the mixture into squeeze bottles. Give each child a black paper plate or a piece of black construction paper. Let the children squeeze the white puffy paint onto the black paper. When the puffy paint dries, it will look like glittery cobwebs.

Halloween Activities

Fortune Telling

Cut out strips of white paper in advance. Write messages on each piece using lemon juice and a Q-tip. Later at the party, have each person reach into a pumpkin bucket and pull out a strip of paper. Hold it up to a flashlight or candle for the message.

Hot Potato Game

Play the traditional hot potato game but use scary music. You can also replace the potato with a small pumpkin or a peeled hard-boiled egg and say it's a Troll Eye!

Wrap the Mummy

Have the children in teams of 2's. Give each team a roll of toilet paper and have them wrap the second team member like a mummy using the toilet paper. First team to use all the Toilet paper wins.

Pumpkin Bowling

Paint six 2-liter bottles to match candy corn. Pour about 1 inch of sand or water in each bottle for weight. Use bails of hay for the alley. Use various sizes of pumpkins depending on ages of children or use coconuts.

Autopsy Game

Make body parts out of various food items. Place these items into bags, boxes or bowls covers with dark plastic. Have kids reach in and guess the food for a prize. Place a sign on each container naming the body part. Use cauliflower for brains, peeled tomatoes for hearts, cold spaghetti for intestines, carrots & celery for bones, olives or grapes for eyes, shavings from any veggie like carrots, cucumber, potatoes can be used for skin, hot dogs or cheese sticks for fingers, un-popped popcorn for teeth, and Halloween wig for hair.

Halloween Anagram

How many words can you make from Halloween? Make a sheet of paper with the word Halloween at the top and place numbered lines for the child to put the words on.

Monster Movie Charades

Write down names of monsters on index cards. Give an index card with monster on it to contestant and have them act out the monster for the audience to guess. Award prizes to whom ever guesses correctly.

Monster Food Taste Test

Place various types of baby food into cups and place a number on the bottom so you know what bottle it came from or place the various foods onto paper plates and allow the guests to guess what flavor it is.

Trace The Body

Have kids lay down on the driveway or sidewalk and outline them in chalk

Spooky Black Cat Invitation

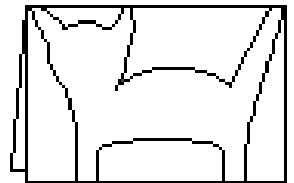
Supplies needed:

- Card stock or construction paper
- Scissors or Pinking shears
- Markers or crayons
- Googly eyes and glue (optional)

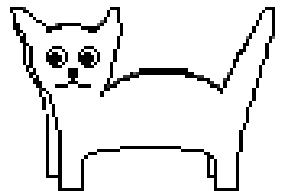
1. Fold a piece of black paper in half.



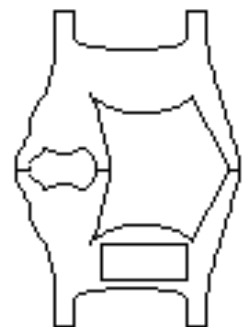
2. Draw the outline of a cat on the folded paper. Make sure that the tail and both ears extend to the fold and go along it for at least a quarter of an inch (this is where the front and back will be attached to each other).



3. Cut out the cat - make sure that there are areas of the fold that you do not cut, so that the front and back of the card are attached to each other.



4. Put a face on your cat. Gluing on googly eyes and whiskers gives the cat a cute look.



5. Write a message on white paper or index card and glue or tape to the inside of your new card.

Clip Bat

To make these creatures, just cut out the wings and body, glue them to a clothespin, and add googly eyes for wonderful bat Halloween decorations.

Supplies needed:

- Black paper or black fun foam (available at craft stores)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Clothespin
- Glue
- Googly eyes

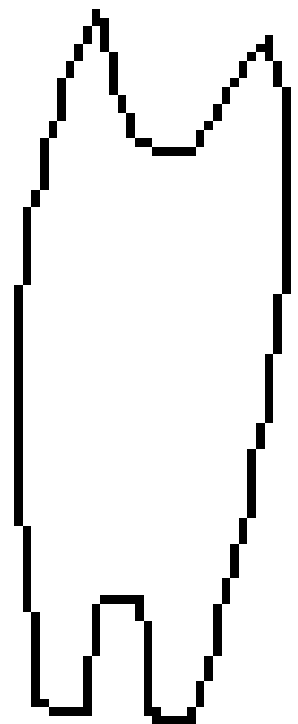
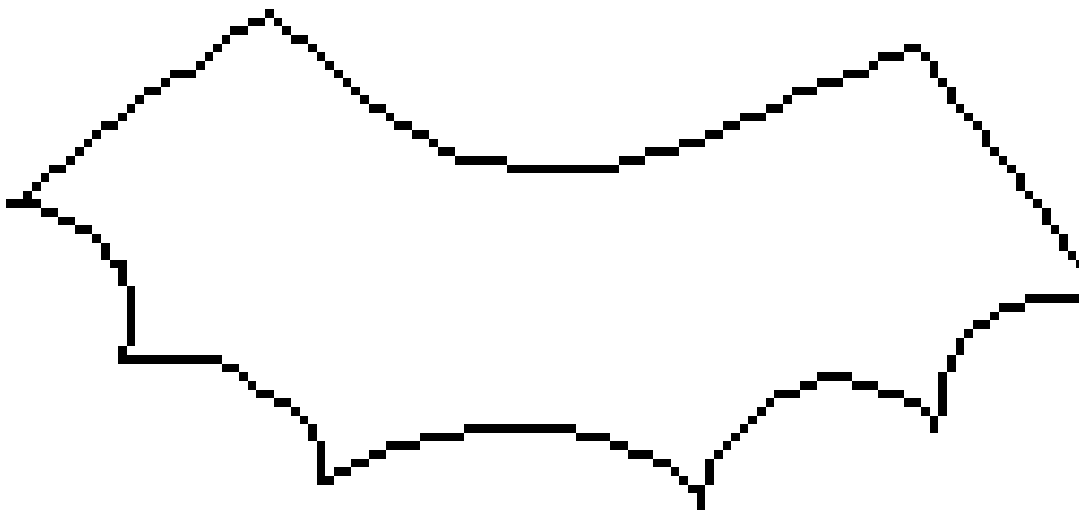
1. Draw and cut out a bat's body and wings from black paper (or the fun foam). Make sure that the body is big enough to cover the clothespin.

2. Glue the wings to the clothespin.

3. Glue the body onto the wings.

4. Glue googly eyes to the bat (or use circles of colored paper cut with a hole punch).

Clip these great bats all around the house - on curtains, furniture, tal else a bat would like to perch.



Halloween Worms

Cooking time: ~ 5 min. Prep time: ~ 15 min., plus overnight chilling

Notes: Use a cleaned 1-quart milk or orange juice carton to hold straws

What You Need

- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) raspberry or grape flavor gelatin
- 3 envelopes unflavored gelatin
- 3 cups boiling water
- 100 flexible plastic straws
- 1 tall 4-cup container (same height as straws)
- 3/4 cup whipping cream
- 12 to 15 drops green food coloring

How To Make It

1. In a bowl, combine gelatins.
2. Add boiling water; stir until gelatins completely dissolve.
3. Chill until lukewarm, about 20 min.
4. Meanwhile, gently pull straws to extend to full length; place in tall container.
5. Blend cream and food coloring with the lukewarm gelatin mixture.
6. Pour into container, filling straws.
7. Chill until gelatin is firm, at least 8 hours, or cover and chill up to 2 days.
8. Pull straws from container (if using a carton, tear carton away from straws).
9. Pull straws apart; run hot tap water for about 2 seconds over 3 to 4 straws at a time.
10. Starting at the empty ends, push worms from straws with rolling pin, or use your fingers; lay worms on waxed paper-lined baking sheets.
11. Cover and chill until ready to use, at least 1 hour or up to 2 days.
12. Worms will hold at room temp. up to 2 hours.

Eyeball Brownies

1. Ready-made brownies or single layer chocolate cake
2. Large Eyeballs of Terror gumballs, usually available in gumball machines at grocery stores around Halloween, or other wacky Halloween edibles. If you don't care if everything is edible, Glow-In-The-Dark Eyeballs will spook up your brownies. For smaller children, use things like pumpkins, smiley ghosts, or cat faces, but glow-in-the-dark not so scary things are cool, if you're going to have the lights down low.
3. Cut brownies into squares. Add one eyeball to each brownie.

Crispy Pops

This recipe is easy, it's fun, and it's great to eat! Kids love crispy marshmallow rice treats, and they love M&M's. Combine the two and put them on a stick, and you are a star in their eyes!

What You Need

- 1/4 cup Margarine
- 1 (10 ounce) package Miniature marshmallows
- 6 cups of Crisped rice cereal
- 1 cup M&M's candy
- 12 (5 ounce) size paper cups (wax lined works best)
- 12 Popsicle sticks



How To Make It

1. Combine cereal and M&M's, set aside.
2. In a large saucepan over medium heat, melt margarine and marshmallows together, stirring constantly.
3. Combine marshmallow mixture with cereal mixture and stir well.
4. Mix completely until all cereal is coated.
5. Spoon mixture into paper cups and press lightly to fill.
6. Insert Popsicle sticks into the center of the mixture and press again lightly with fingers. Cool.
7. If you like, press half of the mixture into a 9x9 square baking pan and cool. Cut into squares.
8. Serve!



Sucker Ghost

Quick and easy is the key to this favorite favor. These make up so fast you can create them for all your Trick-or-Treaters.

What You Need

For each Sucker Ghost

- Kleenex
- Sucker
- White yarn
- Scissors
- Black marker
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How To Make It

1. Cut a small length of yarn.
2. Center the Kleenex over the top of the sucker.
3. Tie the yarn in a bow right under the sucker.
4. Draw on eyes and mouth with black marker.
5. Give as a party favor.

